Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice in regard to these details.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know how many agriculturists have been supplied?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Are the people of the southern Taluks benefitted?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There is no distinction as regards the southern and northern Taluks.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: For men from Chalakkudi to go to Trichur, is it practicable?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: They do find it practicable.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Is the hon'ble Minister, Sir, in a position to say that these demonstration farms yield better results than the private farms under the old system that prevailed in the country?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes. That is the experience of the department.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Has it been published?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes. It has been published. In the leaflets published these details are referred to.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: My question, Sir, is whether the hon ble Minister has satisfied himself that the general impression of the department that the yields are better is a correct impression.

Mr. President: Give him some time for that.

THE TRAVANCORE NATIONAL AND QUILON BANK, LTD.— PARTICULARS REGARDING.

17. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of branches the Travancore National and Quilon Bank, Ltd., had in Cochin State; at what all places;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the stopping of the transactions of this Bank;

(*c*) whether the Government have any idea about the money invested by Cochinites in this Bank in deposits and shares?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) Four branches—at Trippunittura, Ernakulam, Cochin and Trichur.

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(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Have the Government any idea as to the amount of deposits of Cochinites ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: We have no information.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, when the Bank was closed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: A few days back. I cannot say the exact date.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether there is any Government money or quasi-Government money deposited in that Bank ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: There is no Government money.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Quasi-Government money ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Government have no information.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether the Central Co-operative Bank has deposited any money with this Bank ?

Mr. K.P. Kannan Nayar: I want notice. I have no information on that point.

Mr. K. Ayyappan: Have the Government taken any measures to protect the interests of the Cochin depositors ?

Mr. President: Yes. We made a representation to the British Resident suggesting that in view of this crisis the Government may be pleased to investigate and ask the Reserve Bank or some other competent authority to take interest in the matter and to see that something is done.

With regard to questions Nos. 18 to 22, the answer put down is "the Government have no information." Of course Government will have to call for information. And in this connection I may explain to the House how exactly the matter relating to the Harbour stands. Since these subjects have been brought within the purview of the Legislative Council we have now addressed through the proper channel these authorities that steps should be taken to supply the Government with the necessary information to answer these questions. We have not been supplied with the necessary information as yet. It will take some time. I think from the next session onwards it will be possible for the Government to give a full answer to these questions.

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Any supplementary questions ?

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder : Is there a convention between the Cochin Government and the South Indian Railway, that a certain number of Cochinites should be appointed ?

Mr. President : We are now on the Harbour.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder : I am referring to question No. 19.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar : There is no convention.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon : Can the Government do something to see that Cochinites are employed ? I want to know whether the Government have got the power or whether the Government are absolutely powerless.

Mr. President : Let us first get the information whether Cochinites have been employed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon : Whether the Government have any power ?

Mr. President : They have no power.

OFFICERS—COCHIN HARBOUR.

18. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons employed in the administrative department of the Cochin Harbour ;

(*b*) the number in each community so employed ;

(*c*) the number of Cochinites so employed, if any ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Government have no information.

19. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are in a position to state the number of Cochin State subjects employed in the Cochin Harbour works drawing a salary of Rs. 25 and more ;

(*b*) whether they are in a position to state the number of Cochin State subjects working in the S. I. Railway Co. (Cochin-Shoranur line) ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar : (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

20. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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